GDP spent on health

2054. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 0.9 per cent of GDP of the country is spent on public health;

(b) if so, steps taken by Government to meet public health care requirements; and

(c) whether Government would increase allocation to public health with a view to improve the quality of life of the common man?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Common Minimum Programme has suggested raising public spending on health at least 2-3% of GDP over the next 5 years. Given this objective and the need to provide accessible, quality and affordable health care, the Government has launched the National Rural Health Mission. The Mission seeks to provide effective health care to rural population throughout the country with special focus on 18 States with poor health indicators and week health infrastructure.

(c) An increase of 22% has been proposed in the budgetary allocation for the plan programmes in Health and Family Welfare for 2006-07 over 2005-06.

NACO on Aids

2055. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a National Council on AIDS to have policy directives and monitor country's AIDS control programme;

(b) the number of times that the Council met since its establishment;

(c) the details of Members of the Council; and